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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication responds to a non-final office action dated February 18, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The present deadline for response is June 18, 2004. Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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